

# Massachusetts e-Legionnaire



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## Commander's Corner



Here it is just about May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Department hasn't even made the 93% goal that I predicted we would make by March 15, 2019. There are 2 Districts that are over 95%. District 9 is over 100% and District 10 is over 95%, Two very close to 95%, Two in the 93%, two in the 92% range and two in the 90% range and holding up the Department. People always say vote every vote counts. The same could be said about the District, every District

counts. So, go out and make the last big push to bring your membership numbers up.

What does all that mean, it means that there 1886 suspended members who are not allowed in your posts, that are not allowed to take part in your meetings, not allowed to drink at your bars. They have no rights or privileges that we offer to Comrades' who are in good standing.

The Adjutant of the post should post a list of all Delinquent members, maybe a friend would see the list and contact the delinquent member and bring him back into the fold.

Now let's talk about the Consolidated Post Report, which all posts should be submitting one now, although it's

not due until June 15, 2019. Most posts have everything scheduled for the rest of the reporting year. Submit your Consolidated Post Report now and if you have anything new to report, you can update you previously submitted report.

For the past two years the Office staff has called many posts in an effort to improve our per centage on the Consolidated Post Report. that isn't in their job description but is in the District Commander and Post Commander's job description. You don't have to have a whole lot of items to put in the CPR, even if you only have one item then submit it. If you don't have any items to report, then submit the CPR anyway.

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## To the Legionnaires who came before us



Generations have come and gone. They were men and women who raised their right hands and swore to defend our nation in uniform. They followed and gave orders that could, at any moment, end their lives. For many, such was their destiny.

Millions more came home from wartime service, took off their uniforms, pulled on American Legion caps and devoted themselves to community, state and nation. They honored their brothers and sisters in arms who did not

come home. They vowed to search for the missing. They cared for families who lost loved ones. They fought in Washington for men and women who became disabled, unable to advocate on their own behalf due to wartime wounds, some invisible. They instilled hope and pride among young people whose futures of liberty were purchased on distant battlefields, seas and skies. Their programs and services revolved not around the combat they endured but around citizenship, compassion, respect, fairness and unity. This was, and still is, the legacy of our American Legion forebears.

It is a fitting tribute to all Legionnaires who came before us that the U.S. Mint has struck a commemorative coin set to honor our organization and all it has meant to America. And it is a testament to the Legion's identity that the congressional legislation necessary to authorize the centennial coin had more co-sponsors – 385 in the House and 75 in the Senate – than any commemorative coin bill in history.

I cannot imagine the challenge of trying to engrave onto one coin, or even a set of coins, The American Legion's legacy. Our story began in Paris over a century ago after a hard-won world war victory that sent more than 117,000 Americans to their graves and disabled hundreds of thousands more. It is a story that evolved in the years and decades that followed, to support innumerable young people who would come to appreciate U.S. military service, freedom and the flag to which they pledge allegiance. And so, on these coins, the legacy of our American Legion predecessors is etched into the faces of children honoring the flag, into the finely detailed wings of a bald eagle, the V for victory in the Great War, the Eiffel Tower in the city of our founding, and the emblem designed and patented by Lt. Col. Eric Fisher Wood, an author and engineer who volunteered to fight for his country and then served as first secretary of The American Legion.

The founders are all gone now. The peace they fought to keep proved fleeting. Fisher Wood was recalled and commissioned a brigadier general in World War II, and was in theater when his son, a lieutenant, died during the Battle of the Bulge. Such was his destiny and the price we all know must occasionally be paid to protect the futures of generations yet to come.

Much less fleeting are the values and ideals of The American Legion, which have been immortalized in memorials, monuments and now a coin set that will outlive us all and, hopefully, remind future citizens not only what is done when the flag of our nation passes, but why and in whose honor.

## Auxiliary President



Hello Legionnaires,

This will be my last entry as Department President, my official term will end on June 2nd but there are several events that will allow me to represent the Department a few more times beyond that date ( Girls State visit and official visit from our National President). Even though the year is coming to a close that does not mean Auxiliary members are slowing down. Chairmen are collecting information for their annual reports and preparing them to report to National while continuing to serve Veterans and their community every day! We are still working at achieving 100% membership and seeking out new members that can continue our important work. With Memorial day approaching I know many of our members will be assisting you in preparations for the important day and participating in ceremonies that remember our fallen heroes.

Our Department Convention will be held May 31-June 2nd in Marlborough and I know it will be a fun and successful few days of celebrating all that we were able to accomplish this year. Thank you in advance to all that will be able to attend all or part of our convention. June 15th we will have the honor of having our National President Kathy Duncan attend a luncheon we are planning to honor our Female Veterans and present our final check to Veterans Inc. Invitations and fliers will be going out soon! If you would like more information about the event please contact the Department Auxiliary office

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all of you that invited me to represent the American Legion Auxiliary and welcomed me wherever I went. Thank you for your guidance, knowledge and support. I met amazing people, heard some great jokes and traveled to places I have never heard of but glad I went! It was an incredible year and I hope that we all continue to grow in numbers by sharing with others the great things we can accomplish together!!

Girls Rock!!

Katina

## Commander's Corner (Continued)

Your Post no matter how hard you try, sometimes just can't reach the 100% goal, on membership. But as I've said a few hundred times, there is no reason why your Post can't submit a Consolidate Post Report. we all know how important the Consolidated post report is.

Yours in Comradeship  
Commander  
Fred J. White



## Membership—DSVC Jodi Pajak

We are in the final home stretch with May 8<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day being the deadline to make our 100% membership and we are currently sitting at 92.17% that are accounted for. While we need to step up our efforts it is refreshing to note that we have many districts and post that are working and working hard to bring us up in the standings.

It takes a good number of participants to really make a difference in the final outcome. Our problems are mixed but can be explained very easily. We need to change the way we do membership and start thinking out side of the box and not get bogged down simply because that is the way it is. That mindset will ultimately lead to failure and stagnation will swallow us up and we must stop it.

So how do we do this? We educate and we train and we mentor. We do not accept the premise that someone else will do it. One question I have for you? How do you get those who traditionally do nothing or very little involved and get them to participate. Bring those ideas to your next meeting and have a round table discussion you may be surprised on what ideas may arise.

This brings me back to thoughts of membership within the American Legion. For each member lost, we need to recruit or reinstate two members. Why two? One is to bring the membership number back to the number before a Legionnaire went to Post Everlasting and the second is to make a gain in membership. Don't get me wrong. No one can replace a valued member of our Legion family who is no longer with us. We can obtain other veterans who will fulfill the Legion values and step up to the plate to perform the duties needed.

I know that many of you are having membership drives in various venues to help support membership. I also know that there are Posts with elderly members who are paper posts only. If you know of a post that needs help, help them. That is why we are members of this organization. Also remember that numbers count when we are attempting to get veteran issues resolved through the legislative process.

Thanks and kudos go out those posts that made the membership goal of 100%. Those who didn't have a little more work to do to get where they need to be. Districts should work with your posts who have had no transmittals made within the past two months. Sometimes it is a simple as someone not knowing where to send information. Utilize the system to your advantage. Get help through a revitalization process. Most important, you have to follow through and keep in contact with everyone you have spoken to or your hard work will have been in vain. Believe me, there is no intent of my preaching to the choir, only to bring forth ideas and suggestions that may help in the long run.

Lets get working, we can do this for the American Legion, the Department and ourselves.



## Community Service - Sally Nay, DVC

At the Community Service meeting on April 27, 2019 The George "Al" White award was awarded to American Legion Post 338 Southwick Legion Family - for their Spaghetti dinner to support the Department Auxiliary's President's charity Veteran's Inc.

The committee would like to remind everyone that we accept award submissions year round for the George "Al" White Award. The submission needs to be within 45 days of the event.

The National Commander assisted in giving out three George "Al" White awards at the reception prior to the National Commanders Banquet on April 13, 2018



September 2018 – Post 227 Middleton  
Accepting award Ted Butler

December 2018 - Post 124 Westfield  
Accepting award members Post 124



January 2019 – Post 224 Easthampton  
Accepting award members of Post and SAL 224

# From Your Service Officer– Hiring Our Heroes

On May 14, at Fenway Park, job seekers are invited to a Hiring Our Heroes event that is open to all U.S. service members, veterans, and their spouses. At least sixty participating employers will be present and conducting on-the-spot interviews. Local veterans can connect directly with recruiters and hiring managers from a wide variety of regional and national industries representing all types of careers. Employment opportunities include jobs in finance, technology, transportation and law enforcement. Workshops will also be offered for those job seekers needing help in resume building and interview skills.

Several service organizations [including the American Legion] are participating and will be ready to answer questions about education and other VA benefits. This event is free, and registration is recommended but not necessary. Those who attend are eligible to receive up to two free tickets to the evening’s game between the Red Sox and the Rockies. Doors open on Lansdowne Street at 9:00 AM, and the full schedule and registration information can be found at [HIRINGOURHEROES.ORG/EVENTS](http://HIRINGOURHEROES.ORG/EVENTS).

Semper Fi  
Mike Whalen



## MILITARY HIRING EVENT

05.14.19 | FENWAY PARK | BOSTON, MA

EVENT PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



ATTEND & SCORE 2 FREE TICKETS TO THE GAME\*



9:00 AM REGISTRATION	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM WORKSHOPS	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM HIRING FAIR	7:10 PM GAME TIME
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**IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BOSTON RED SOX**

**FEATURED WORKSHOPS**

**CAREER CONNECTIONS**

Do you need a polished resume or want to fine tune your LinkedIn networking skills? Join Hiring Our Heroes for a workshop that will supercharge your career search. Our experts will show you how to create a resume in under an hour from your phone using ResumeEngine.org and teach you to unleash the power of a well-crafted LinkedIn profile.

**NEED A RESUME?**

Resume Engine is the quickest and easiest way to send your resume to employers at the Hiring Expo. Translate your military experience, and build a powerful resume at ResumeEngine.org. Powered by Toyota.

SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE AND REGISTER BY VISITING  
[HIRINGOURHEROES.ORG/EVENTS](http://HIRINGOURHEROES.ORG/EVENTS)

\*Tickets are limited. All registered veterans and military spouses are eligible to receive up to two free tickets to attend that evening's game.

## HIRING OUR HEROES

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

## Editorial—John Lenotte, PDC

Spring is here and that means it is baseball time. American Legion baseball has been around since 1925. More than half of today's major league players were once playing Legion baseball. There are currently 81 members of the hall of fame that have played Legion ball. Some of the names of great MLB and Legion baseball players include: Albert Pujols, Roger Clemons, Al Kaline, Frank Robinson, Johnny Bench, Carlton Fisk, Gregg Maddux, Jeff Reardon, Mo Vaughn, Justin Verlander, Ted Williams and Carl Yaztremski. For more historical information check this out on the web: [http: www.legion.org/baseball/history](http://www.legion.org/baseball/history).

This month we recognize Armed Forces Day. Some communities will have parades or other local recognition. An opportunity to show thanks to veterans, active duty, Guard and Reserve members.

Memorial Day is right around the corner. As in past years we will be out there with gatherings of family and friends. Why not take a few minutes and turn out for any local parade as a way to educate our children what the holiday is all about. Or take the time to attend a ceremony at a local cemetery. This is a nice way to say thank you to those who gave their all so that we might enjoy our freedoms. A day of remembrance for them and their families of the sacrifices endured. We are a great nation because of their sacrifices. It is because of them that the United States of America exists. And despite the recent violent acts of a few, many around the world aspire to come to America!

At this time of year, I think of a poem by Linda Ellis – “The Dash”. Look it up for the full poem, but basically it talks about visiting a cemetery and looking at the headstones. We look at the name and years of birth and death. What really matters is ‘the dash’. What did we/you/they do with the life one lived. That truly is what counts! Please take a moment to reflect on this.

And this Memorial Day, remember that “All gave some, but some gave all”.

May God bless our troops and their families.

John Lenotte, Past Commander American Legion Post 4 Haverhill MA, Past Commander District 8/Essex County, MA, Past Commander, Department of MA. I may be reached by email at [JPLEnotte@gmail.com](mailto:JPLEnotte@gmail.com)



## Legislation—PNEC Frank MacDonald, National Legislative Commission

### Child Care during VA Appointments

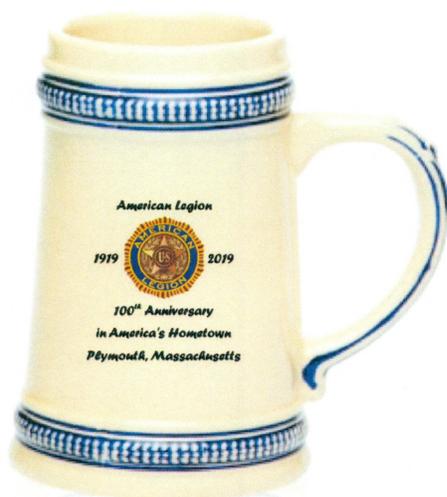
Women veterans are the fastest growing demographic population serving in the U.S. military. Since FY03, women veterans receiving healthcare from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have nearly doubled. These numbers will continue to grow due to the increasing numbers of women serving in the military that will be eligible for VA healthcare.

Women veterans face remarkably different experiences than their male counterparts while in the military, during their transition, and as a veteran. Focused VA effort shaped significant advancements in women veterans' VA healthcare with the establishment of awareness training programs, but there is still room for improvements. The American Legion wants every veteran who walks through the doors of a VA medical facility to feel welcome and receive quality healthcare, regardless of their gender.

The American Legion has identified many challenges women veterans face when receiving VA health care, which includes the fact that many VA facilities do not offer child care services for veterans seeking health care appointments, which disproportionately impacts women veterans. Representative Julia Brownley from California has sponsored H.R. 840 – An Act to amend title 38 USC to direct the VA to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving medical services provided at the VA.

To date none of our Representatives in Congress have signed on to co-sponsor this bill. Please contact your Representative and ask them to sign on.

## Convention Mugs



American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Beer Steins will be available for purchase at Dept. of Massachusetts Convention Headquarters and at Convention Host Post, American Legion Post 40, in Plymouth from June 6-9.

Cost per mug is \$21. Mail orders will be accepted for \$21. plus shipping if you are not able to attend convention.

Contact [iplymouthman@yahoo.com](mailto:iplymouthman@yahoo.com) to place an order.

## Tribute from 20/4 Echlon2 Mass. Veteran Women of the American Legion for PDC Dottie Dixon by Stella West



Dorothy "Dot" Dickson

Dorothy Dickson received her final reward on March 5, 2019 at age 97. Her dedicated years as a Veteran will be remembered by many. Her many friends will miss her sense of humor, quick wit and snicker of a laugh!

Dorothy joined the US Navy in May of 1943 and was sent to New York for her basic training at Hunter College. Following basic she served in Washington, D.C. until her discharge December 13, 1945 when she returned to her home in Massachusetts and her old position with New England Telephone. Upon her return home she joined the American Legion in 1945 and quickly began her service in that organization. Dorothy married in 1951 and switched her home to Norwell and the American Legion Post there. She served the offices in the local Posts, District and became the first woman Department Commander in Massachusetts for years of 1983-84.

Dorothy served National as Assistant CQ in 1981-82, Junior Vice Director in 1982-83, Senior Vice Director in 1983-84. Dorothy was elected to National Director VIP of the Twenty and Four in 1984-85 at the Bivouac held in Seattle, WA under Director Doris Gross.

She never lacked for tasks to keep her busy as she served several years as Disbursing Officer for the 20 & 4 along with many other positions of responsibility. She was the Director of Vets Services 1960-1993, served as a Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Commission member 1985-1993, VAVS Representative 1983-1993 and the Chairman of the Council on Aging from 1968-1993.

Dorothy's willingness to promote any and all veterans did not go unnoticed by women and men alike. She was respected as one who would do the work when asked and give it her all without question. Often, she would have the most representatives at the 20&4 Banquet and loved to introduce her respected guests.

May she hear the last tone of TAPS and know that she gave much as she receives her last salute!

Farewell my friend, Rest in Peace

Stella

## Bourne Post 230 accept New 26th Yankee Division Colors



## Granby Post 266 make donation to Solders Home



"Members from the post at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke presenting a check for \$1000 . Present were Art and Ron Bernier along with Mark Lockwood."

# Woburn Chapter 101 ALR receive their Charter



# Fogg/Roberts Chapter 78 receives it Charter

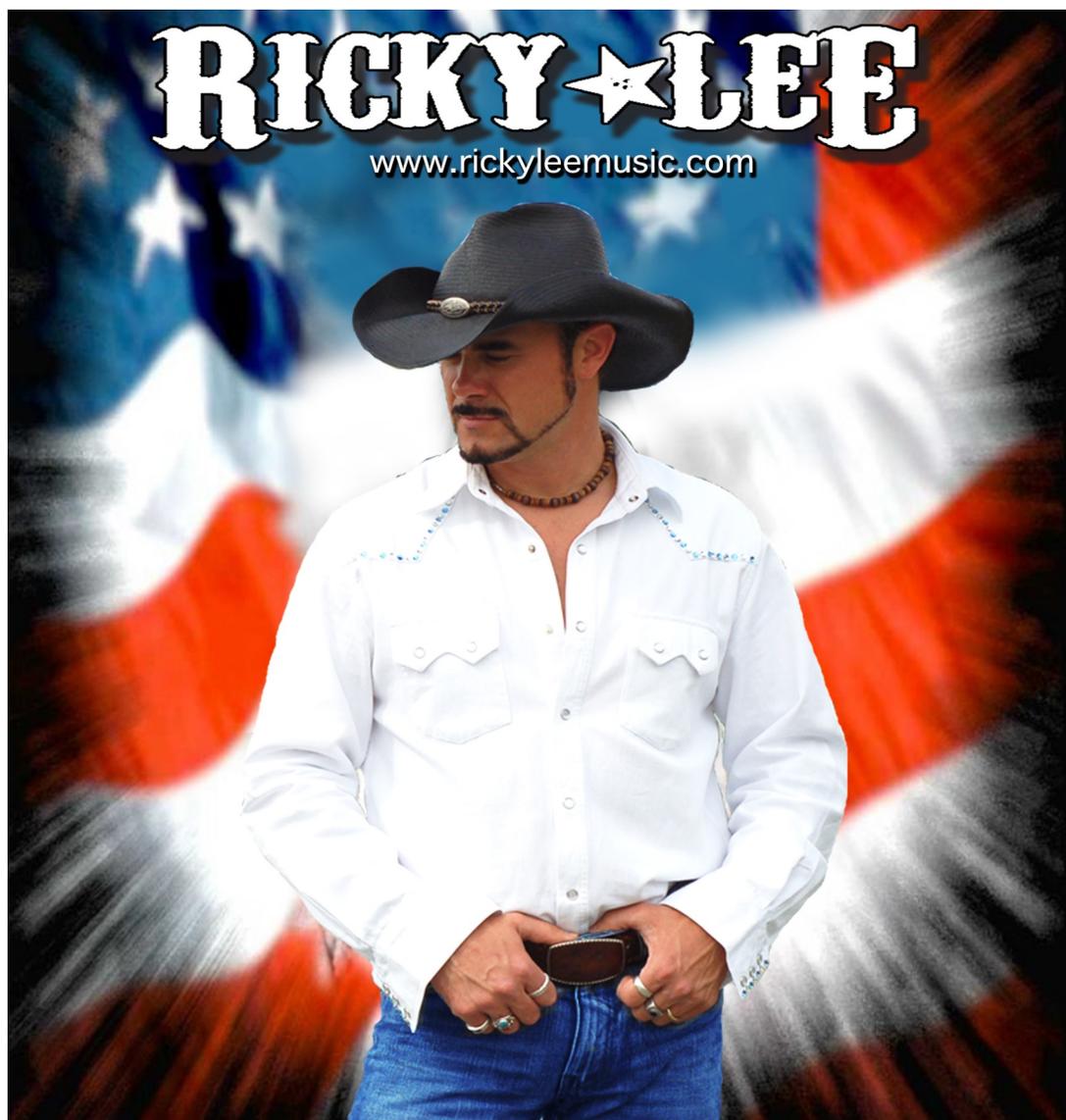


# Cherry Valley Chapter 443 ALR receive their Charter



# Haverhill Post 4 Donates to Local Police





PERFORMING LIVE AT

The Massachusetts American Legion  
State Convention

June 6th  
Hotel 1620 Plymouth, Massachusetts

**For More Info: 617-727-2966**

Hotel 1620 180 Water St, Plymouth, Ma 508-747-4900

# JAKE'S BAKE

Clam Bake with Open bar

When: Saturday, June 8, 2019  
Where: PFC Edward A. Ribeiro Post 40, Plymouth  
Start Time: 5:30 pm

## FULL BAKE MENU

CLAM CHOWDER

STEAMERS

VEGGIES

LOBSTER

HALF A CHICKEN

**Open to the first 50 people**

Ticket Price: \$50.00 per person

Make check payable to: The American Legion Department of MA

Mail to:

The American Legion  
Rn 546-2 State House  
Boston MA 02133

Earmark: Jake's Bake

Deadline: May 29, 2019

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
*Centennial celebration*

**The American Legion Department of Massachusetts  
Centennial Convention Parade**

**Sunday June 9, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Parade Questionnaire**

**Name**

**Post**

**Address**

**Phone**

**Email**

**Number of Marchers**

**Will you be having a Color Guard Yes No**

**Will you be having a float Yes No**

**Will Legion Riders be participating Yes No**

**Return Questionnaire to:**

**The American Legion Department of Massachusetts**

**Room 546-2 State House**

**Boston, MA 02133**

**Or**

**Email: [mapost230@gmail.com](mailto:mapost230@gmail.com)**

PLEASE NOTE: You DO NOT have to be a delegate to march. Parade is a Centennial Parade and is open to all American Legion Post, Units, Squadrons and Riders, Other marching units are welcome and encouraged, please contact Frank MacDonald at the above email with details on other marching units. There is limited parking at the end of the parade route any motor vehicles will have to return to Hotel 1620 at end of the parade



## NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check off Room Type:    1 King: \_\_\_\_\_    or    2 Double: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing room with: \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>ARRIVAL</u>     | <u>ARRIVAL</u>              | <u>Departure</u>   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Date:</u> _____ | <u>Time:</u> _____ AM or PM | <u>Date:</u> _____ |

Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

CC Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBERS OF REGISTRATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$25.00 PER PERSON. CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA**  
REGISTRATION FEE COVERS NATIONAL CONVENTION PACKET AND BADGE TO ENTER CONVENTION HALL. **NO REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEE AFTER JULY 15, 2019**

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET:    TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019  
FAB FOUR (BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND) AS THE BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT  
**\$50.00 PER TICKET - CHECK ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO TAL DEPT OF MA**

NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUND OF BANQUET TICKETS AFTER JULY 15, 2019**  
**ONLY 40 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE - 10 TO A TABLE - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

*ROOM RATES ON REVERSE SIDE*



## APRIL 2019 MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

A Report from American Legion National Headquarters



### VOICES

*"We just wanted to celebrate The American Legion – past, present, future. I'm in awe of what The American Legion and our forefathers have done and accomplished in a century to give us the benefits we have today. I feel like we owe it to them, and our kids and grandkids, to continue that legacy."*

*- Jason Castleberry, adjutant of American Legion Post 100 in Royse City, Texas, during an American Legion 100th Birthday party on March 16*



# \$1.5 mil

Minimum amount of funds raised by American Legion posts to support VA medical facilities in 2018, according Consolidated Post Reports, representing about 65 percent of posts worldwide.



# 695

Number of Informal Hearing Presentations prepared by The American Legion for veterans disputing their VA benefits claims decisions in March.



# 382-0

Final House vote in favor of the American Legion-supported Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, which was blocked in the Senate in December. U.S. Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., ranking member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, re-introduced the measure Jan. 3, with nearly identical language.

 **\$138,000**

Amount in scholarship money awarded to competitors in The American Legion National Oratorical Contest April 4-5.



**12**

Number of American Legion district membership revitalization campaigns executed in March 2019, in the departments of Arkansas, California, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire and Washington.



**1,278**

Number of VA benefits decision appeals handled in March by American Legion staff experts, 459 of which were granted in favor of the veterans, with 522 remanded, or sent back for more documentation.

 **\$4.2 million**

Minimum amount in college scholarships awarded to students by American Legion posts in 2018, according to Consolidated Post Reports, representing about 65 percent of posts worldwide.

 **\$48,600**

Amount in American Legion National Emergency Fund cash grants distributed to individuals through the first quarter of 2019, including four grants totaling \$12,000 in the month of March, to assist veterans affected by hurricane in North Carolina, flooding in Kentucky and fire in California.



**101**

Number of Benefits Delivery at Discharge reviews conducted by American Legion staff to help active-duty personnel prepare for VA health-care enrollment after separation.

 **2,558**

Minimum number of American Legion posts that had Facebook pages in 2018.

## CENTENNIAL MOMENT

**March 28, 1919:** *Stars and Stripes* publishes the first story in which "The American Legion" is named as an organization of wartime veterans.

*"No one can lay claim to originating the idea of a veterans' association because it was a consensus among the men of the armed forces of our nation ... It was the result of what might be called the 'spontaneous opinion' of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, caused by a fusing together in a common bond of the various elements of the service, just as spontaneous combustion is brought about by the joint action of certain chemical elements."*

-George S. Wheat, "The Birth of the Legion," 1919, G.P. Putnam's Sons



 **9**

Percent of DoD infrastructure characterized as "failing" in 2018, according to the Pentagon.



**67,400**

Approximate number of American Legion centennial commemorative coins sold by the U.S. Mint through April 1. A percentage of proceeds helps fund American Legion programs and services.



## ROAR/SWS

The American Legion Regional Office Action Review team conducted a site visit March 11-13 to assess performance at the New Orleans VA Regional Office. The System Worth Saving Task Force also conducted a visit to the Southeast Louisiana VA Health Care System in New Orleans during the same time frame.



**2,414**

Number of veterans memorials and monuments photographed, described and posted on The American Legion Memorials Database through April 1, at [www.legion.org/memorials](http://www.legion.org/memorials).



**81**

Total number of former American Legion Baseball players who will have been enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame by July.



**12**

Applications submitted to DoD by The American Legion on behalf of veterans seeking corrections to the characterizations of their military discharges.



**500**

Approximate number of American Legion Family members who participated in a Legion centennial celebration at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., March 29-30. Hall of Fame Class of 2019 inductee Lee Smith of Louisiana, who played American Legion Baseball in Natchitoches, La., before an 18-year record-breaking career as a Major League relief pitcher, was a featured guest at the event.



**23**

Percent of Department of Defense infrastructure characterized as in "poor" condition in 2018, according to the Pentagon.



**\$6.4 billion**

Amount by which annual DoD spending on infrastructure and housing – about 43 percent – has declined since 2012, when the Budget Control Act took hold.



**1,535**

Number of American Legion Baseball team registrations started by March 31, 1,190 of which had purchased insurance and paid their registration fees.

## Department Calendar of Events

|            |          |                               |                               |
|------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5/6-7/19   |          | Spring Meetings               | Indianapolis, IN              |
| 5/8-9/19   |          | National Executive Committee  | Indianapolis, IN              |
| 5/19/19    | 1:00     | District 9 Commanders Banquet | Taunton Post 500              |
| 5/19/19    | 1:30     | District 2 Flag Retirement    | Orange Post 172               |
| 5/19/19    | 2:00 PM  | District 2 Meeting            | Orange Post 172               |
| 5/19/19    | 1:30 PM  | District 3 Meeting            | East Longmeadow Post 293      |
| 5/19/19    | 9:30 AM  | District 4 Meeting            | Winchendon Post 193           |
| 5/19/19    | 1:00 PM  | District 8 Meeting            | Beverly Post 331              |
| 5/19/19    | 10:00 AM | District 10 Meeting           | Whitman Post 22               |
| 5/19/19    | 1:00 PM  | District 10 Get Together      | Whitman Post 22               |
| 5/23/19    |          | District 9 Meeting            | Westport Post 145             |
| 5/29/19    | 7:00 PM  | District 6 Meeting            | Dedham Post 18                |
| 6/6—6/9/19 |          | Department Convention         | Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor |
| 6/9/19     | 10:00 AM | Centennial Parade             | Plymouth Waterfront           |

## 2019 Membership Standing *as of April 26, 2019 , Next Target is 100% by 5/8/2019*

|     | District            | Goal  | Current | % of Goal |
|-----|---------------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| 1   | BERKSHIRE           | 1369  | 1299    | 94.89%    |
| 2   | FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE | 1358  | 1292    | 95.14%    |
| 3   | HAMPDEN             | 2955  | 2723    | 92.15%    |
| 4   | WORCESTER           | 5197  | 4866    | 93.63%    |
| 5   | MIDDLESEX           | 4684  | 4268    | 91.12%    |
| 6   | NORFOLK             | 2786  | 2621    | 94.08%    |
| 7   | SUFFOLK             | 1349  | 1226    | 90.88%    |
| 8   | ESSEX               | 2933  | 2709    | 92.36%    |
| 9   | BRISTOL             | 2386  | 2481    | 103.98%   |
| 10  | PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE   | 4094  | 3915    | 95.63%    |
| 297 | CAPITOL HILL        | 277   | 300     | 108.3%    |
| 462 | HEADQUARTERS        | 2802  | 2569    | 91.68%    |
|     | DMS Transfers       |       | 335     |           |
|     | National Quota      | 33011 | 30605   | 9.71%     |



# POSTS

## District 1

North Adams 125  
Sheffield Post 340  
New Marlboro 350

## District 2

Ashfield Post 245  
South Hadley Post 260  
Granby Post 266  
Cummington Post 304  
Hatfield Post 344

## District 3

Agawam Post 185  
Willimansett 393  
Blandford 356  
Chicopee Center Post 452

## District 4

Millbury Post 9  
Clinton Post 50  
Lancaster Post 96  
Sturbridge 109  
Spencer Post 138  
Westboro Post 163  
Webster Post 184  
Sterling 189  
West Brookfield Post 244  
Gilbertville Post 246  
Paxton 306  
Rutland 310  
Mendon Post 355  
Baldwinville Post 373  
East Brookfield Post 386  
Victor J. Quaranta Post 397  
Boylston Post 398  
Millville 411  
Petersham Post 415

## District 5

Groton Post 55  
Natick Post 107  
Ayer Post 139  
Hopkinton 202  
Littleton Post 249  
Billerica Post 268  
Burlington Post 273  
Ashby Post 361  
East Chelmsford Post 366

## District 6

Brookline Post 11  
Franklin Post 75  
Weymouth Post 79  
Quincy 95  
Walpole Post 104  
Cohasset Post 118  
Randolph Post 169  
Dover Post 209  
Norfolk 335  
Medway Post 367  
Hough's Neck 380

## District 7

William E. Carter Post 16  
John F. Kennedy Post 17  
Jamaica Plain Post 76  
Oliver Ames Jr. Post 117  
Chinatown Post 328  
McDonough Post 368  
LTJG W. M. Penny Post 399

## District 8

Swampscott Post 57  
Ipswich Post 80  
Rockport Post 98  
Hamilton 194  
Georgetown Post 211  
Groveland Post 248  
Topsfield Post 255  
Salisbury Post 309

## District 9

New Bedford Post 1  
Easton Post 7  
North Attleboro Post 49  
Mansfield Post 198  
Norton Post 222  
Somerset Post 228  
Acushnet Post 265  
Rehoboth Post 302  
South Dartmouth Post 307  
Freetown Post 425  
Moby Dick Post 459  
Fall River Post 464  
Taunton Post 500

## District 10

Marshfield Post 88  
Kingston Post 108  
Carver Post 164  
Edgartown Post 186  
Bridgewater Post 203  
Duxbury Post 223  
Hanson Post 226  
26th Yankee Div. (Bourne) Post 230  
Wellfleet Post 287  
Kingston Post 387  
Dennis Post 488

## SAL national commander encourages membership in new PSAs



**From:** Detachment Commander Ernest E. Laberge

**To:** All Squadrons and Posts

**Re:** Detachment Convention

Hello Everyone

The Annual Sons of The American Legion the Detachment of Massachusetts Convention will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> In Plymouth, MA. This is also the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the American Legion. Our special guest will be our National Vice Commander "East" Mike Cotten from the State of Delaware. Please introduce yourself to the Vice Commander during your attendance at this year's event.

Also please note that this year the Department of Massachusetts will be hosting a Parade while we are in Plymouth to Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> all members of the American Legion Family (The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Riders) are all welcome to take part in this event.

I am requesting that as many Sons as possible take part in the Parade to show our support of our parent organization. 100 years of service to our veteran's their families and our communities is a major milestone let's all be a part of The American Legion Department of Massachusetts history. I look forward to seeing you in Plymouth.

Working together we can make a difference in the lives of our Veterans, Their Families and our Communities.

*Ernie Laberge* S.A.L. Detachment of Massachusetts Commander

### 2019 Sons of the American Legion Membership Standings as of April 26, 2019

|    | District            | Goal | Current | % of Goal |
|----|---------------------|------|---------|-----------|
| 1  | BERKSHIRE           | 189  | 189     | 100.00%   |
| 2  | FRANKLIN /HAMPSHIRE | 270  | 250     | 92.59%    |
| 3  | HAMPDEN             | 447  | 358     | 80.09%    |
| 4  | WORCESTER           | 1094 | 898     | 82.08%    |
| 5  | MIDDLESEX           | 1281 | 1173    | 91.57%    |
| 6  | NORFOLK             | 792  | 809     | 102.15%   |
| 7  | SUFFOLK             | 122  | 128     | 104.92%   |
| 8  | ESSEX               | 443  | 402     | 90.74%    |
| 9  | BRISTOL             | 223  | 221     | 99.10%    |
| 10 | PLY/BARN/NAN/DUKE   | 680  | 607     | 89.26%    |
|    | TOTAL               | 5541 | 5035    | 90.87%    |

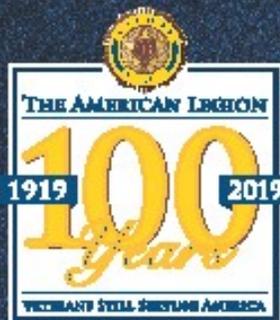
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*Be a part of the history. Be a part of the celebration.*

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**When:**

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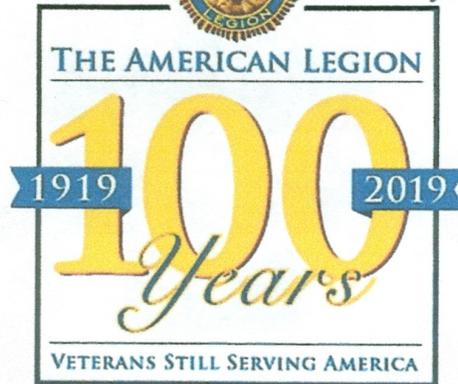
Put a float in the Parade! Put up a vendor booth and earn \$\$\$ for your Post!  
Family Fun Day Planned! Live Music and Entertainment planned!  
Event is open to the General Public ....show the communities your Legion pride!

**Let's make it Grand and Memorable for All!**

**Planning stages now! Join us! Call for meeting dates:  
Jerry 774-200-3202 or Scott 774-239-6162**



*Save The Date!*  *August 31st 2019*



The American Legion Family of District 9 “Bristol” is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Legion organization with several events that will include the entire community in a demonstration of the legacy and vision of the national and local outposts alike.

The events will include:

40's Big Band Theme!  
Served Dinner  
Special Guest Speakers  
Dancing  
Raffles,  
and much more!

**Join us under the big tent  
at Somerset's Waterfront Park  
“The Bluffs”**

More information will be forth coming!

# American Legion Riders Chapter 414



## MEAT RAFFLE

May 19, 2019

Raffle Ticket

Time: 2:00 PM

50/50

Dudley Gendron Post 414  
156 Boston Road  
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Multiple Tables!!



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